

REMARKS

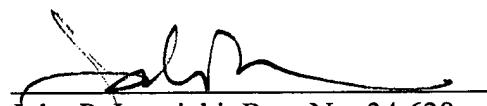
At page 2 of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between two groups of inventions, namely claims 1-14 and 21-35, drawn to a composition comprising a porous carrier of ceramic or glass ceramic or glass material and at least one pyrrolidone (Group I); and claims 15-20, drawn to a method of producing a bone grafting material (Group II).

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the subject matter of claims 1-14 and 21-35 and of claims 15-20 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome.

Notwithstanding, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-14 and 21-35 for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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